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Metrolinx
Mr. R. Pritchard, Chair of the Board
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Dear Chair Pritchard and Board Members:

I understand that The Board of Directors of Metrolinx will be meeting on June 28, 2016, to discuss the recent report dealing with the proposed new transit stops in and around the City of Toronto.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that the Board reconsider the decision to exclude a new stop at the intersection of Park Lawn and Lakeshore.

The Humber Bay Shores Community is one of the largest and most rapidly growing communities in our City. Forty years ago this community did not exist. Within ten years, the population will exceed 30,000 people. This does not include the surrounding area. During that time, the transit options have not increased to sufficiently meet the demands of population growth in this area. As the road access in the area is not physically capable of being expanded, the transportation situation in the neighbourhood is verging on crisis.

The local Councillor for Ward 6, Mark Grimes, has been lobbying to implement new transit options for many years. This includes the request that a new Go Station be built near the intersection of Park Lawn Road and Lakeshore Blvd. The initiative is supported by the local Member of Provincial Parliament, Peter Milczyn, along with Ward 5 Councillor Justin Di Ciano. All levels of government are in agreement.

I wish to emphasize, however, that the greatest source of support comes from the community itself. I do not believe that you will find a single resident opposed to the initiative. I understand that you have also received a letter from Dr. Donald Henderson who is the President of the Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association advocating for this new Go Station stop.

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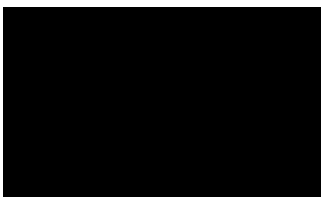
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The current situation not only creates an urgent need but also provides a unique opportunity. The lands situated at the Park Lawn location are owned by Mr. Christie's who, until two years ago, operated a large bakery on site. Although closing of the bakery was a loss to our community, it creates an opportunity to solve the transit crisis. The Christie lands consist of 26 acres. I understand that this is significantly more land than is needed for a new transit stop. However, if action is not taken to solve the transit crisis now, these lands will almost certainly be acquired by developers who will continue to build more condominium towers, further straining the transit situation. There are rumoured proposals which include up to 17 new towers. If this transpires, not only will the transit station option not be feasible, but the transit congestion will be intolerable and frankly dangerous.

I was elected in October of last year and since that time I have had meetings with Mr. Greg Percy from Go Transit and Judy Pfeifer of Metrolinx. On both occasions I expressed the urgency of this situation. It was agreed that we would meet to discuss the Go Transit proposal at Park Lawn along with both local Councillors and our MPP. I was asked to include the TTC as I was told they needed to be a part of this important discussion. In this regard, a meeting is currently scheduled, for July 22, 2016, with all of these key individuals having confirmed their attendance. The meeting was originally scheduled for June 27th - a date that was specifically identified by Metrolinx. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how we could best work together to try and achieve our goal. I am attaching my letters detailing the scheduling of the meeting.

To conclude, I am asking that the Board reject the proposal to exclude the Park Lawn GO Station location and ask that further consideration be given to the Park Lawn site before the situation worsens and the Christie lands fall into the hands of developers.

Sincerely,



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